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April 23, 2002

Social Security Administration
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RE: REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT DETERMINATION

Please see the attached determination of exemption dated April 10, 2002 and the FOIA request dated April 2, 2002.

The exemption cites that the information requested would be considered to be an internal (inter or intra-agency) management work product, subject to the deliberative process privilege. We disagree and request a reconsideration of this determination.

The document(s) requested on our request dated April 2, 2002 are named "Process Review Recommendations". Although the documents requested are named "recommendations", these documents are the result of the Agency sanctioning a group of inter-agency personnel to conceptualize and construct documents of substantive rules of general applicability and interpretations of general applicability. These documents were also adopted by the agency in that they are being circulated for examination, input and to our knowledge are being extended to non-managerial personnel. We believe these documents not to be deliberative but rather statements of general course and methods by which the agency's functions will be channeled and determined.

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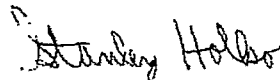
These documents contain statements of general applicability and interpretation of general applicability that will impact the organizational structure of the Social Security Wilkes-Barre Data Operation Center, employee positions and economic status of northeastern Pennsylvania people employed or contracted by the government.

We request a response to this request. All correspondence should be addressed to:

Stanley Holko - AFGE
1150 E Mountain Drive Room 174
Wilkes-Barre PA 18702-7986

Should you have any questions concerning this request, please contact me at 570-831-1675. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stanley Holko".

Stanley Holko



SOCIAL SECURITY
 Office of Central Operations
 April 10, 2002

Ms. Carolyn Pekarski
 President, AFGE Local 2809
 1150 E. Mountain Drive, Room 174
 Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702-7986

Dear Ms. Pekarski:

We have reviewed Stanley Holko's April 2, 2002, Freedom of Information Act, 5 USC 552, request for a copy of a management report entitled "Process Review". He specifically requested a copy of the one reportedly provided to WBD0C managerial staff.

I find the information that you have requested, either in part or its entirety, to be exempt from disclosure. The rationale and corresponding citation for this exemption can be found at 5 USC 552 (b) (5) and 20 CFR 402.95 (a). Specifically, this information would be considered to be an internal (inter or intra-agency) management work product, subject to the deliberative process privilege.

Please be advised that if or when any implementation decisions are made that may affect the Bargaining Unit, we will notify the union as required.

If you would like a reconsideration of this determination, please send your request, along with your original request and a copy of this letter to:

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 Baltimore, Maryland 21235.

Sincerely,

Joan Steward-Stevens
 Assistant Associate Commissioner
 for Management and Operations Support



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April 2, 2002

Ms. Linda Sokoloski (Personnel Management Specialist)
Social Security Administration
WBDOC - Personnel Services Branch
PO Box 1622
Plains PA 18705-0622

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

The following information is being requested pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 5 552.

On January 16, 2002, Faye Perkins-Barnes (Social Security - Baltimore Maryland managerial representative) presented all Wilkes-Barre Data Operations Center (WBDOC) branch managerial representatives with a copy of a "Process Review". This "Process Review" contains recommendations that would impact the WBDOC organizational structure, employee positions and economic status of northeastern Pennsylvania people employed or contracted by the government.

We request a copy of the "Process Review". *(We are requesting the same copy that that was provided to the Wilkes-Barre Data Operations Center managerial staff)*

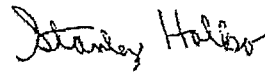
We ask that any fees generated by this request, including search time and copying costs, be waived. We believe the release of the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operation and activities of the Social Security Administration's Wilkes-Barre Data Operation Center. The information will not serve any personal commercial interests. Nor will we realize any monetary gain from the information's disclosure.

We request a response to this request within ten working days from the date this letter is received. In the event that the waiver request is denied and fees apply for complying with this request, please notify me as soon as possible. All correspondence should be addressed to:

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1150 E Mountain Drive Room 174
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Sincerely,



Stanley Holko